



Testimony in Opposition to HB 5618, An Act Requiring the Development of a Carbon Footprint Methodology to Analyze State Procurement Contracts

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Dear Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Smith, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

My name is Kevin Dillon, and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA). **I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 5618, An Act Requiring the Development of a Carbon Footprint Methodology to Analyze State Procurement Contracts.**

This legislation appears to be in an early and undefined phase, and the CAA is unclear on the exact intent of this bill. However, if the intent is to add additional requirements that will restrict or delay the CAA's ability to procure goods and services, we strongly oppose this legislation. The CAA was established as an autonomous, streamlined quasi-public agency, and we are concerned that this bill is another example of an increasingly worrisome trend of the legislature adding new layers of bureaucracy that impede CAA functions. While the CAA is sensitive to the environmental concerns addressed by this bill, we oppose the imposition of further restrictions on our day-to-day operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please feel free to contact my office at (860) 292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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